

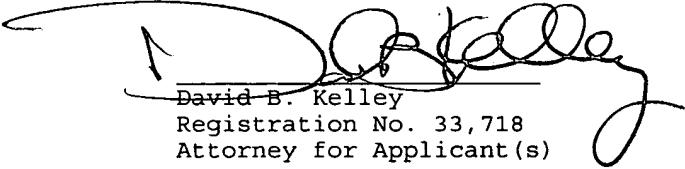
1-6, however to advance prosecution and for administrative efficiency reasons, claims 1-6 have been cancelled. Such cancellation should not be interpreted as acquiescence in the rejection of such claims, and the applicants respectfully contend that such claims are allowable for the reasons stated in applicant's previous responses.

The applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 7-17, and the Examiners attention to this case.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned should there be any questions with regard to this response, or to this patent application.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1505.

Respectfully submitted,



David B. Kelley
Registration No. 33,718
Attorney for Applicant(s)

Date: 5/9/2003
Ford Global Technologies, LLC
600 Parklane Towers East
Dearborn, Michigan 48126
1-313-8455487
Fax: (313) 322-7162